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SUBJECT: IOP/M - MEDIA REACTION REPORT

IN ITS AUGUST 19 EDITION PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY  
"LE MATIN" SAID IN A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL THAT  
PRESIDENT DUVALIER'S "SPONTANEOUS OFFER TO HAVE THE  
OAS SENT ITS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO HAITI"  
PLEASED AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG.

AFTER YOUNG'S HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT  
TO THE BONGHOTTE PILOT COOPERATIVE, LE MATIN SAID  
YOUNG WAS SUPRISED BY THE OFFER OF THE PRESIDENT  
AND "HIS SUGGESTION THAT THE OAS COULD DELEGATE  
MEMBERS OF OTHER COMMISSIONS TO INVESTIGATE EVERY-  
THING IN OUR COUNTRY, INCLUDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AND ALL ASPECTS OF HAITIAN LIFE."

" MR. DUVALIER," CONTINUED THE EDITORIAL, "THINKS  
CORRECTLY THAT SINCE THERE IS NOTHING SHAMEFUL TO  
HIDE, ALL THE INVESTIGATORY COMMISSIONS POSSIBLE,  
BE THEY OF THE U.N., THE OAS, OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS, ARE FREE TO COME TO HAITI TO INTERROGATE  
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THOSE CONCERNED."

LE MATIN CONCLUDED BY SAYING "OUR COMPATRIOTS  
SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (THE  
MEANS EMPLOYED TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE) WILL BE USED  
TO THE FULLEST BY AUTHORITIES WHO ARE MORE CONCERNED  
THAN YOU WOULD THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THIS COMMON

GOOD WHICH IS THE HAITIAN FATHERLAND."  
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